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IN RE APPLICATION OF
STARLING ET AL.

Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: Haddad, Maher M.

APPLICATION NO: 09/745,605

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FOR: NOVEL IMMUNOGLOBULIN SUPERFAMILY MEMBERS OF APEX-
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Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 25, 2003, a reply to which is due May 25, 2003 with a shortened statutory period for reply. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of time with an authorization to charge the fee therefore is filed herewith. Therefore, this reply is due August 25, 2003 and is deemed to be timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Listing of the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 8 of this paper.

Appendix A is a Declaration of Prior Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 signed by Applicant Finger.

Appendix B is a Declaration of Prior Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 signed by Applicant Starling.